

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/16/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 15 January 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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Detailed Action

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant amended other independent claims 1, 6, based on the objected, allowed features, and claims 9-19 were allowed in the previous office action.

Claims 1-19 are allowable over the prior art of record, the prior art fails to teach singly, particularly, or in combination, the subject matter, for the allowable structure features that a single **casing which accommodates the tuner, modulator, demodulator** (page 9 of applicant's amendment), for tuner block comprising a tuner which tunes a broadcast signal, an IF/demodulator which demodulates broadcast signal tuned by tuner; a modulator which modulates an input video signal and an input audio signal into an rf signal; a single casing which accommodates the tuner, the IF/demodulator circuit and the modulator, wherein the tuner, IF/demodulator circuit and the **modulator are integrally formed in the single casing**; and a plurality of pins disposed consecutively on an outer side of the casing, the plurality of pins to input and/or output signals and a voltage to operate the tuner, the IF/demodulator circuit and the modulator; wherein one of the plurality of pins is a power supply pin through which an electrical power is supplied from an outside power supply, and the tuner and the modulator are connected commonly to the power supply pin in side of the casing [**claim 1**]; and having further claimed features, for the wherein **the first pin is an audio input pin** which inputs an audio signal transmitted form an audio/video block, the **second pin is a channel selection pin**, which inputs a channel selection signal which selects an output channel of the modulator, **the fourth pin is a control pin which inputs control signal to**

convert between a TV mode and a VCR mode, and the fifth pin is video input pin which inputs the input video signal [claim 6]. The dependent claims are also allowable due to their dependency upon the independent claims and the additional claimed features.

The closest patent to **Iwase et al. (US 5,710,999)** teaches a tuner having plurality of pins with the additional plug-in modulator (Fig. 19) in a separate casing (Fig. 18A-19, the circuitry taking video in at 523, audio in at 528 and providing RF out signal at terminal 534, Fig. 18A, col. 13, line 58 to col. 14, line 6). **Iwase fails to teach a modulator integrally formed in a single casing of the tuner block.**

Patent to **Geiger et al. (US 4,689,825)**, or **Kumamoto et al. (US 4,691,378)** fails to teaches **the modulator integrally formed in a single casing.**

Other prior arts in below has been considered, but they fail to teach the above claimed features.

Levine (US 5,915,068) teaches a modulator 36 for receiving clock signal form clock 30 (Fig. 2) in order to synchronize modulator 36 for alphanumeric message display on television screen (abstract, col. 3, lines 42-56, col. 4, lines 20-47). Levine teaches the programmable VCR for the operator interactively programmable routing display by utilizing the television screen, to flexibly displaying the programming routine in the video recorder with less cost (col. 1, line 28-66). Levine fails to teach the above allowable features.

Sasaki (US 2003/0063,225 A1) teaches the video apparatus tuner mounting board having plurality of circuit paths and pin wholes for mounting different tuners, tuners 10, 20, having switches 7-1, 7-2, 8-1, 8-2, for enabling signals for different tuners (abstract, Fig. 1-3, [0010-0012, 0022-0024, --27-0028]. Sasaki fails to teach the above allowable features.

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Kohn (US 4,509,210) teaches the television receiver with adaptable descrambler module (abstract, Fig. 1-2) having connector 40 with jumper in Fig. 2 for signal connection jumpers to adapt different descrambler module (col. 5, lines 9-53). Kohn fails to teach the above allowable features.

Takahama (US 4,569,084), Hall et al. (US 6,404,309 B1), Ohwaki et al. (US 5,913,173), Kim (US 6,483,554 B1), Kubo et al. (US 5,355,532), Nagai et al. (US 5,457,817), they failed to teach the above allowable features.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles C. Chow whose telephone number is (703) 306-5615. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban can be reached on (703) 305-4385. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.


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